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1. THOUSANDS OF HANDBILLS CIRCULATED SEPTEMBER 29-30 IN DOWNTOWN ATHENS CALLING FOR PUBLIC RALLY TO SUPPORT CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE AT PROPYLAEUM OF ATHENS UNIVERSITY AT 1800 HOURS OCTOBER 1 TO BE FOLLOWED BY PEACEFUL MARCH TO AMERICAN EMBASSY. HANDBILLS ARE SIGNED BY "STUDENT COMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOLS," HERETOFORE UNKNOWN GROUP WHICH MAY REPRESENT NEW COORDINATION EFFORT AMONG STUDENT DEJUNTIZATION COMMITTEES WHICH NOW LARGELY CONTROL CAMPUS STUDENT AFFAIRS.

2. AT 1430 HOURS SEPTEMBER 30 ATHENS RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER WOULD ALLOW RALLY BUT THAT ANY STREET MARCHES FORBIDDEN.

3. GOG POLICY PAST MONTH HAS BEEN TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH DEJUNTIZATION STUDENT COMMITTEES, GIVING THEM SUPPORT ON CAMPUS, AT MINISTRY EDUCATION, AND IN MEDIA. GOG OBVIOUSLY HOPES IN THIS WAY TO INFLUENCE AND DETER STUDENTS

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FROM ACTS THAT COULD EMBARRASS GOVERNMENT NOW AND DURING

ELECTION PERIOD. THIS POLICY CARRIES SERIOUS RISK SINCE DEJUNTIZATION COMMITTEES ARE CONTROLLED BY STUDENTS WHO TEND TOWARD EXTREME LEFT AND WHO ARE ANTI-CARAMANLIS. CUTTING EDGE OF STUDENT MOOD MLLUSTRATED BY THEMES OF TWO DOCUMENTARIES, "FALL OF PETROGRAD" AND "YEAR OF PIGS" WHICH PACKING IN ATHENIAN STUDENT AUDIENCES THESE DAYS. FORMER FILM EXALTS SOVIET RECORD IN WORLD WAR II LATTER RECITES AMERICAN CALUMNIES IN VIETMAN, AND STUDENT AUDIENCES ARE REACTING TO SIMPLISTIC PROPAGANDA THEMES WITH DEMONSTRATIVE SYMPATHY.

4. ROYALIST LEAFLETS DESCRIBED REFTEL HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO APPEAR ATHENS.
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